

CPSC Staff Conformity Assessment Message for China*

Manufacturers Message

1. For those products where a certification program exists, certification of products is recommended
 - You may also take advantage of various product certification programs associated with certain industries, such as **
 - a) Juvenile Product Manufacturing Association for “juvenile products,”
 - b) American Fireworks Standards Laboratory for fireworks,
 - c) and an OSHA National Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) for certification of electrical and life-safety products, such as fire sprinklers, carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, etc (e.g., UL, CSA, ITSNA, etc).
 - Important elements of certification (ISO/IEC Guide 65) are surveillance services such as:
 - a) Factory inspections
 - b) Pre-market production sample testing, and
 - c) Post-market testing.

2. Get Product Tested

- We recommend product testing, internally or externally, by an accredited test laboratory:
 - a) accredited to the ISO/IEC 17025 standard by a recognized accreditation body
 - b) with the appropriate scope to ensure the laboratory’s technical competence for the specific product safety standards.

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U.S. Retailer Reps. Message

1. Internal or External Testing is Recommended

- The US CPSC staff recommends that U.S. retailers expect that all products bound for the U.S. market be designed to meet appropriate product safety standards and be tested to these standards by an accredited laboratory, either internally or externally.

2. Standards and Training are Recommended

- We recommend that U.S. retailers expect and encourage their manufacturers/suppliers/vendors:
 - a) To employ appropriate quality control systems for product characteristics that impact safety.
 - b) Identify or develop appropriate testing and/or certification resources to demonstrate compliance with U.S. standards.
 - c) For manufacturers whose activities involve design:
 - identification of appropriate U.S. safety standards,
 - translation of those standards when necessary,
 - incorporation of safety standards into product design, and
 - consideration of product safety engineering courses for key design staff.